

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VIENTI 00030 091024Z  
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01  
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15  
NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 AID-05 COME-00  
EB-08 FRB-03 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03 LAB-04 SIL-01  
OMB-01 IO-13 AGRE-00 HA-05 IGA-02 /107 W  
-----096882 091031Z /17

O R 091000Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8878  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMCONSUL UDORN  
CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0030

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4 DIMPTD  
TAGS: EAID UNDP SWEL EALR PORG EAGR US LA  
SUBJECT: LPDR REQUESTS UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO SPONSOR  
WORLD WIDE FOOD AID APPEAL

REF: A 77 VIENTIANE 1690, B VIENTIANE 0020, C VIENTIANE 0017

1. UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TOLD AN EMBOFF JANUARY  
7 THAT LAO DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOUPHAN  
SITHPASAY HAD ASKED HIM JANUARY 7 TO PASS A REQUEST TO  
UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ASKING WALDHEIM TO SPONSOR  
A WORLD WIDE APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO THE LPDR.  
THE RESREP CABLED THE LAO REQUEST TO WALDHEIM JANUARY 7  
WIITH HIS FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATKON. THE RES REP SAID HE  
BELIEVED THAT WALDHEIM WOULD AGREE TO SPONSOR THE  
APPEAL.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VIENTI 00030 091024Z

2. THE RESREP SAID THAT THE LPDR REQUESTED THE APPEAL  
BE MADE FOR FOOD AID IN GENERAL BUT ASKED THAT  
PROSPECTIVE DONORS PARTICULARLY RESPOND TO THE OUT-  
STANDING LAO NEED FOR OVER 60,000 TONS OF RICE. THE  
DECEMBER LPDR/UNDP DROUGHT ASSISTANCE REPORT STATED  
THAT 18,826 TONS OF THE 112,974 TONS THAT MUST BE

IMPORTED TO MEET LAO FOOD NEEDS FOR 1978 COULD BE PROVIDED IN WHEAT (OR OTHER FOODSTUFFS). THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, SWEDEN, AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED FOOD AID THAT NEARLY MEETS THIS SUGGESTED QUOTA OF NON-RICE COMMODITIES (REF A). IN ADDITION, VARIOUS DONORS HAVE PLEDGED ABOUT 30,000 TONS OF RICE.

3. THE LAO ALSO SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S EMERGENCY AID APPEAL REQUEST AID IN THE FORM OF IRRIGATION PUMPS SO THAT THE LAO COULD HARVEST A DRY SEASON CROP TO ALLEVIATE ITS CHRONIC RICE DEFICIT.

4. THE RESREP SAID THAT NOUPHAN HAD TOLD HIM THAT OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HE PERSONALLY CONTACTED ON JANUARY 4 ( REF B) TO REQUEST FOOD AID, ONLY THE SOVIETS, THE PRC, AND THE SRV HAD TENTATIVELY PROMISED TO GIVE AID.  
ROBERTS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SECRETARY GENERAL, FOODS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 09 jan 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978VIENTI00030  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** X4 DIMPTD  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780012-0770  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** VIENTIANE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780183/aaaacskb.tel  
**Line Count:** 81  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 97b36de5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 27 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3804524  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** LPDR REQUESTS UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO SPONSOR WORLD WIDE FOOD AID APPEAL  
**TAGS:** EAID, SWEL, EALR, PORO, EAGR, US, LA, UNDP  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/97b36de5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014